

*South Carolina Commission for Minority Affairs  
Native American Affairs Outreach*

Since 2003, the Commission has been committed to strengthening the relationship between South Carolina's Native American Indian communities and state government. The Native American Affairs Institute is charged with the mission of serving as the liaison between South Carolina's Native American population, federal, state and local government. The Commission is the State of South Carolina's official point of contact for Native American Indian Affairs and serves as the "Indian Affairs Commission" for the State.

The Native American Affairs Institute's primary purpose is to increase socio-economic and educational opportunities while instilling a positive vision for Native American Indians of South Carolina through promoting and advocating for their rights, beliefs and continued cultural identity. The Commission provides technical assistance and support to the Native American Indian population of South Carolina, federal, state and local agencies, educational institutions and many others.

*Native American Affairs Outreach 2004-2010*

Had face-to-face encounters with:

- 155 state agencies
- 31 federal agencies
- 114 private and nonprofit agencies
- 30+ Federal, State and non-recognized Indian Tribes and/or entities

Provided program support, training and assistance in the following areas:

- Health Care
- Education
- State Recognition
- Business Development
- Culture and History
- Federal and State Law

Year	Organization/Community	Type	Event	Approximate # of People
2005	Statewide	Professionals and Native American Citizens	Native American Affairs Conference	150
2006	Statewide	Native American Citizens	Influenza Pandemic Preparedness-SC DHEC Grant	10,000+
2008	Catawba Indian Nation and Berkeley, Dorchester and Charleston Counties	Native American Entities and Citizens	Native American Community Needs Assessment Survey Pilot	600+
2008	Catawba Indian Nation, Little Horse Creek American Indian Center, Wassamasaw Tribe of Varnertown Indians	Native American Entities and Citizens	Disability Health/Social Security Forums	100+
2009	Wassamasaw Tribe of Varnertown Indians and Santee Indian Organization	Native American Tribes and Citizens	Disability Health/Social Security Forum and Health and Housing Forum	60+
2009	Statewide	Professionals and Native American Citizens	Native American Affairs Conference	200+
2009	Santee Indian Organization	Native American Tribe and Citizens	Santee Indian Organization Christmas School Supply Drive	300+
2009	Statewide	Families and Self advocates with Disabilities	TASH-Families and Self-advocates with Disabilities Empowerment Training	60+
2009-2011	Statewide	Native American Entities and Citizens	Orangeburg Calhoun Technology College Green Jobs Partnership	1105+
2009-2010	Statewide	Native American Entities and Citizens	US Census 2010 American Indian and Tribal Outreach Project	6000+
2009-2010	Statewide	Native American Citizens	DHEC-Diabetes and Tobacco Survey and Outreach Partnership	100+ Surveyed
				30, 489+ serviced
2010	Santee Indian Organization	Native American Tribe	Santee Indian Organization Christmas School Supply and Food Drive	200+